

CASE RESTS WITH EDUCATION BOARD

Swartzell Muddle Not for Commissioners.

RESULT OF INVESTIGATION

East Washington Citizens' Association Adopts Resolution Advising High School Principal's Removal.

The result of the investigation which the executive committee of the East Washington Citizens' Association has been conducting for several weeks past was made public last night. At a meeting of the committee a resolution was passed that the report be submitted to the Board of Education and to the District Commissioners.

The sense of the statement is that the welfare of Eastern High School is of the greatest importance to the association, the citizens, and property owners of East Washington, and that, although Mr. Swartzell is esteemed as an able teacher and conscientious man, the long and careful investigation has brought to light that his peculiarities of disposition are such that if he is retained in that position, the ruin of Eastern High School must in all probability follow.

Macfarland's Decision.

Commissioner Macfarland, in commenting on the action of the Citizens' Association, said to The Times reporter this morning:

"As the law creating the Board of Education, the District of Columbia appropriation act of June 5, 1903, places in that board the power to employ and remove all teachers, officers, and other employees connected with the public schools, neither the Commissioners nor anyone else except the Board of Education can decide this question."

"As I have stated before, I do not volunteer advice to the Board of Education about such matters, but the board is aware that I am ready to give advice whenever I am asked for it by the board or any member of it."

J. Holdsworth Gordon, president of the Board of Education, when asked if a special session of the board would be called to consider the matter, said: "Communication had been received by him as yet from the East Washington Citizens' Association and that he knew nothing about their action except what had appeared in the press."

Mr. Gordon said that any statement coming from a body of men of such known standing as the East Washington citizens would receive the most serious consideration of the board.

Text of Statement.

The following is the text of the statement and the resolution:

The executive committee of the East Washington Citizens' Association, acting for the association in mass, feel called upon to make to the Board of Education and to the people of the District of Columbia the following statement:

The very great decrease in attendance at the Eastern High School has been for a considerable time a subject of consideration by this committee. Several months ago we appointed a special subcommittee to make a quiet investigation. After this investigation had been in progress for some weeks, acts of insubordination on the part of some pupils of the school occurred, and were published and discussed in the newspapers, and action thereupon was taken by the Board of Education.

Some days after that action of the board our subcommittee submitted two reports—one dealing generally with the Eastern High School, and the other approving the action of the Board of Education in deciding to transfer Mr. Swartzell from the principalship of that school to some other position. We laid the first-mentioned report over for future consideration, and adopted the other one and sent a copy to the Board of Education.

Great Public Controversy.

A great public controversy then arose out of the determination of people in the northwest quarter of the city that Mr. Swartzell should not be assigned to the principalship of the Central High School, as it was reported that he would be. The result of this controversy, as publicly stated, was that the Board of Education reconsidered its action in reference to the transfer of Mr. Swartzell, and that he was to be retained as principal of the Eastern High School.

Thereupon we held another meeting, with a full attendance, and calmly and carefully reconsidered the whole subject, and as a result reiterated plainly our former resolution in favor of the transfer of Mr. Swartzell from the Eastern High School, while at the same time we studiously refrained from saying anything against him; and this action was communicated promptly to the Board of Education.

Since then the controversy has so increased and been made so public in the city papers that justice seems to demand this further statement.

Welfare of School.

The welfare of the Eastern High School is of very great importance to members of our association as parents and as citizens and property owners in East Washington. The trouble is not, as has been represented, mainly with reference to "athletics." We differ among ourselves in opinion as to the relative importance of athletics and literary exercises in the public schools. We esteem Mr. Swartzell as an able teacher and conscientious man, but long and careful investigation has shown us that his peculiarities of disposition are such that if he is retained in that position the ruin of the Eastern High School must in all probability follow. The acts of insubordination on the part of pupils we condemn, but we realize that there has been much and long-continued provocation. We disclaim any purpose or wish to "dictate" in any manner to the Board of Education, or to infringe in any degree upon the rights or duties of that board, but we also have rights and duties in pursuance of which we now emphatically request that Mr. Swartzell be no longer retained as principal of the Eastern High School.

Resolved, That the foregoing be transmitted without delay to the District Commissioners, the Board of Education, and the public press.

THOMAS W. SMITH, Chairman;

M. I. WELLER,

A. J. SPERRY,

E. W. CLARK,

J. W. BABSON,

W. MOBBY WILLIAMS,

E. J. NOTTINGHAM,

Executive Committee.

Mr. Swartzell, it is understood, is out of the city and could not be seen today.

President Smith, of the East Washington Citizens' Association, said he had no comment to make on the committee's report.

BONAPARTE GOES TO LENOX TO SEE FAMILY

Secretary Bonaparte left Washington this afternoon for Lenox, Mass., where he will join his family and remain for a week.

AN ARMY OFFICER WHO SUES FOR DIVORCE, AND WIFE WHOSE FAME HE ATTACKS



MAJOR ELMORE T. TAGGART.

MRS. TAGGART A VIRTUOUS WOMAN

So Her Father-in-Law Once Thought.

MINISTER'S SON HER LOVER?

Paul Stauffer and Mrs. Taggart Were Great Friends at Silver Lake.

WOOSTER, Ohio, Aug. 4.—"I regarded her as a nice, virtuous woman and never knew her to be anything to the contrary," was part of the testimony offered by the plaintiff in the now famous divorce suit commenced by Major Elmore T. Taggart against his wife Friday morning in his effort to prove her an unfaithful and debauched wife.

It came from Marrow Taggart, of Orrville, Ohio, seventy-six years old, father of Major Elmore Taggart, the plaintiff, in the form of a deposition.

"My son and his wife got along fine and treated each other first rate," the deposition ran, "and I wish they could now."

The aged man swore that "Billy" Taggart had offered him "booze" in Mrs. Taggart's house, and presence, and that defendant drank it from the bottle. The calling of S. M. Brennan, an Orrville banker, to testify as to "Billy" Taggart's reputation precipitated another argument as to the admissibility, with much quaking of authorities.

Son of Rev. H. D. Stauffer.

The young man with whom Mrs. Taggart is charged with indiscretion at Silver Lake, this summer, is Paul Stauffer.

fer, son of the Rev. Henry D. Stauffer, of the Wooster Episcopal Church. This is the church Mrs. Taggart has been attending since her arrival here a year ago. Her sons sing in the choir. Paul Stauffer, now twenty-one years old, is an accomplished musician. He sang in the choir of Cleveland Plymouth Congregational Church, and from the beginning took an active part in the church work. All this, in connection with his regular studies, broke down his health. He quit college this last year, but expected to return again this fall. Since he left college he has been living at his home here, and is now camping with the Boys' Club of the church at Silver Lake.

MRS. TAGGART.

and said they would prove improper conduct of Mrs. Taggart with him at Silver Lake on July 5.

Attorney Smyser, in his reply, declared that the allegations were a myth of paid detectives who, he said, had followed Mrs. Taggart all summer, seeking evidence against her. The Rev. Dr. Stauffer and his wife, who are constantly at Mrs. Taggart's side, declare their belief in her innocence of the charge of unchastity.

SUIT ENTERED AGAINST THE RAILWAY COMPANY

Mrs. Annie Dosh today began suit in the District Supreme Court against the Washington Railway and Electric Company, to recover \$10,000 as damages for alleged personal injuries. She says June 25 last, while alighting from one of the cars owned and operated by the defendant, at Little Falls Station, she was thrown to the ground and severely injured.

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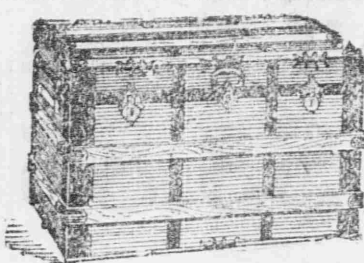
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Scientist Familiar With Bureau Recites Sacrifices Made by Men Connected Therewith, and Denounces Charge of Graft.

Discussing the charges against certain members of the Geological Survey, a scientist who is thoroughly familiar with the personnel and operations of that bureau of the Government, said this morning to a Times reporter that he did not know of a single instance of a Survey official having given out information without permission from his superiors and proper acknowledgment. Continuing, the scientist said:

"The financial sacrifices that many members of the Survey have made in order to remain with the organization will probably surprise many who do not know of the opportunities to leave the service that these men have declined. One geologist gave up an important position paying him \$5,000 per year to accept one on the Survey for \$2,400. His salary was subsequently raised to \$2,700, but he must now resign as he cannot support himself and family with that income."

"Another geologist who receives \$2,000 per year, has just declined an offer of \$5,000. Many, or most, of the men on the Survey have received very remunerative offers of other positions, and a fair proportion have such offers now before them. But they serve their country in their subject, asking in return for their services only a sufficient income for the decent support of themselves and their families, and the respectful consideration that the community in which they live accords to decent citizens. These men are willing to try to live on meager salaries, but they are not willing to endure slander in addition to the privations necessitated by poor pay."

Loses Its Ablest Men.

"The Government is continually losing some of its ablest men. The National Museum has recently lost F. A. Lucas, who has become director of the Brooklyn Museum, and Charles Lehuquet, who accepted a professorship at Yale and the curatorship of the Yale paleontological collections."

"As these conditions prevail, it apparently believes the Government and those interested in governmental science to endeavor to make the lives of those who are trying to serve their country through their intellectual efforts, as easy as possible, and not to add to hardships that now are sometimes actually beyond endurance."

"Regarding outside publication by members of the Survey, the whole subject of the publication of material obtained more or less at Government expense and its elaboration while in the service of the Government or subsequently comes up for consideration. Lamarck's works on the vertebrates were written while he was connected with the Paris Museum. Darwin, as is known, wrote a book describing the voyage of the Beagle and utilized observations accumulated during that voyage in his 'Origin of Species' and other books. The material for our own Dana's 'Corals and Coral Islands' and his book on volcanoes was largely accumulated during the voyage of the Wilkes exploring expedition. Sir Wyville Thompson's volumes, 'The Atlantic,' are based mainly on Challenger researches. Sir Archibald Geikie, now retired director of the geological surveys of Great Britain and Ireland, has published numerous books on geology. Prof. von Zittel, the author of the best hand-

book of paleontology that we have, was professor in the University of Munich and director of the Geological Museum. Of our own most prominent men who have published books or articles based on information through official connection, and who have written while in official service, the list might be headed by President Roosevelt. The same accusation could be made against John Hay and Andrew D. White. Among the books by American scientific men there are Doll's 'Alaska and Its Resources,' Merrett's 'Building-stones,' 'Non-metallic Economic Minerals,' 'Rock Weathering,' Gilbert and Brigham's 'Physical Geography,' and very, very many more."

Condemnation Would Be General.

"If the accusation of graft against the Geological Survey men because they outside of official channels and books publish articles and books, by applying the same principle, not only will many of our higher officials be condemned, but nearly every scientific man who has been connected with Government work in any kind, in any country, will be convicted of graft. Creative literary work is barely remunerative, the incentive is not financial, but the desire to disseminate information."

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